



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 12, 2019

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 – 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: [OIRA\\_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV) or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

*Title:* National Animal Health Monitoring System; Goat 2019 Study

*OMB Control Number:* 0579-0354

*Summary of Collection:* Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is authorized to protect the health of the livestock, poultry, and aquaculture populations in the United States by preventing the introduction and interstate spread of serious diseases and pests of livestock and for eradicating such diseases from the United States when feasible. In connection with this mission, APHIS operates the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS), which collects, on a national basis, statistically valid and scientifically sound data on the prevalence and economic importance of livestock, poultry, and aquaculture disease risk factors. APHIS plans to conduct the Goat 2019 Study as part of an ongoing series of NAHMS studies on the U.S. livestock population.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The purpose of the study is to collect information through questionnaires and biologic sampling which will be analyzed and organized into descriptive reports. Several information sheets will be derived from these reports and disseminated by APHIS to producers, stakeholders, academia, veterinarians, and other interested parties. The collected data will be used to:

- (1) establish national and regional production measures for producer, veterinary, and industry references;
- (2) predict or detect national and regional trends in disease emergence and movement;
- (3) address emerging issues;
- (4) examine the economic impact of health management practices;
- (5) provide estimates of both outcome (disease or other parameters) and exposure (risks and components) variables that can be used in analytic studies in the future by APHIS;
- (6) provide input into the design of

surveillance system for specific diseases; and (7) provide parameters for animal disease spread models.

*Description of Respondents:* Businesses or Other For-Profit Entities

*Number of Respondents:* 4,770

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting; On occasion

*Total Burden Hours:* 8,947

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